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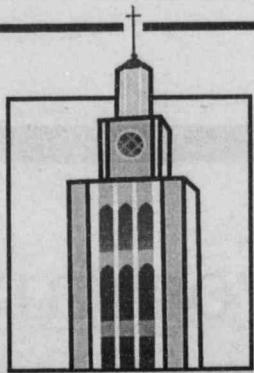
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ASSU rep. resigns

Ferrer again to fill empty post

PEGGY EATON

News Editor

and

SHANE UPDIKE

Staff Reporter

For the second time in less than a year, the elected ASSU transfer representative has resigned, and for the second time Jeanette Ferrer has stepped in to fill the vacant post.

Jenny Pacheco resigned late last month for personal reasons related to recent illnesses in her family, leaving the transfer representative position empty.

The ASSU Representative Council nominated Jeanette Ferrer to as the new transfer representative for the remainder of the year.

Ferrer became transfer representative last year after the elected transfer representative Ellen Hill resigned in late February.

Last year's ASSU council interviewed four candidates for the position, including current ASSU non-traditional representative Patty Linehan, and eventually selected Ferrer to fill Hill's position.

During the ASSU spring elections, Ferrer and Pacheco both ran for the transfer representative position.

A runner-up in that election, Ferrer became Executive Assistant in the ASSU office before recently assuming the role of transfer representative once again.

"In the event of a resignation it is tradition for the runner up in the election to be chosen by ASSU Council to be the successor," said Troy Mathern ASSU president.

"The reason that this was not done with last year's resignation

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Clinton plan keeps students on agenda

Budget proposal spells more money for college

TERI ANDERSON
Executive Editor

Lisa Weber is a busy girl. The liberal studies major works part-time at a local

television station, is a resident assistant, carries a full 15-credit course load and is desperately searching for another job. She used to be on Seattle University's crew team but quit

when her busy schedule allowed her "only two to three hours of sleep".

For Weber, it would be nice to slow down so she could just go to school, but she can't.

"I'm struggling to pay car payments, bills and tuition," she said. "I have to just to survive."

President Bill Clinton wants to make Weber's life, along with millions more college students, easier.

This week, he proposed doing just that by increasing the government's financial aid budget to \$58 billion yearly by 2002.

The increase is part of a proposal presented to Congress to balance the United State's budget.

"It wouldn't really matter to me since I will be long gone," Weber said. "But, I could see how it could help some people."

The proposed financial aid increase includes everything from raising Pell Grant awards to cutting student loan interest rates.

When Clinton entered office in 1992, the government awarded just \$24 billion a year in financial aid.

Seattle University students received approximately \$37 million in financial aid from the federal government for the 1996-97 school year. If approved, SU's federal financial aid awards could drastically increase.

Approximately 70 percent of SU's students currently receive federal financial aid.

Weber is one of them.

Since enrolling at SU as a freshman, she has borrowed chunky student loans to help finance her education, and taken

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A toast to the talent



RYAN NISHIO / PHOTO EDITOR

A student standing in line at the beer garden shouts during Battle of the Bands last Saturday. Bands entertained the crowd while competing for a spot in Quadstock. See story on page 9.

Everett campus to shut down

Low enrollment causes closure scheduled for spring

MEGAN MCCOID
Managing Editor

After Spring Quarter finals wind up this June, Seattle University will become a little smaller.

SU's Everett campus, known as the Applied Technology and Training Center, will be discontinuing its evening MBA courses and closing its office at the end of the academic year.

Low enrollment figures over the past year prompted the Albers School of Business and Economics to re-evaluate the support office and make this final decision.

"The market we have been trying to serve isn't there anymore," said Fred DeKay, Acting Dean of ASBE. "It (the Everett campus) inconveniences people."

According to DeKay, the school did some research on the Everett campus last quarter, which revealed problems associated with enrollment.

The first was that a large percentage of the Everett students were actually closer to the Bellevue and main Seattle campuses, yet they were making the commute to Everett for classes they could just

as easily take elsewhere.

DeKay said that about half of the students were making a commute from the Seattle area, one that was not entirely necessary.

The Everett campus offers only required courses for the SU's MBA program. However, DeKay said, these courses are also offered at the

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NEWS

Funds available for graduate presentation

The Provost's office has made \$5,000 available for graduate student presentations or co-presentations of graduate student and faculty. The money is available for presentations at conferences between February and June 30, 1997.

The presentations must be at a state, national or international conference to receive funding. Applications can be submitted to Dean Sue Schmitt at the School of Education.

Pluralism project brings cultural films to campus

The Cultural Pluralism Project is sponsoring several films to promote diversity and multi-cultural awareness. The project will sponsor a showing of "Strawberries and Chocolate" Feb. 12, "The Woman Next Door" March 5, "Thanh's War" April 9 and "The Gay Agenda" May 21.

For more information, as well as times and locations of film showings, contact Roberta Castorani at 296-1995.

Strategic Enrollment discussions scheduled

The Seattle University community is invited to participate in discussion sessions regarding SU's Strategic Enrollment Management Plan. The meetings are geared to provide information and feedback to the enrollment task force and Cabinet as they outline the university's future enrollment strategy.

Meetings will be held March 6 and March 20 in the Puget Power Room and March 27 at the Law School. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the draft of the plan, or attending the meeting should contact the Office of the Provost at 296-6160.

Training offered for prospective rape relief counselors

Seattle Rape Relief is offering an eight week training program for people who are interested in becoming rape relief counselors on a 24-hour crisis line. The free training session will begin in Feb. 1997.

Volunteers would provide emotional support and legal and medical advocacy for survivors of sexual assault and their families. For more information, call Janet at 325-5531.

Marquette University opens doors to Catholic schools

Marquette University, a Jesuit university in Milwaukee, is now accepting applications from students at other Catholic universities for its Washington Internship Program.

The internships program offers fall, spring and summer enrollment for students of all disciplines. To request an application, call 1-800-544-1789.

Pathways to recognize campus artists

The fourth annual Pathways Art Fest will feature the poetry, art work and musical performances of SU students faculty and staff Feb 27.

Submission forms for the art display are available at the CAC or at SUB 207. The deadline for submissions is Feb 17.

Free computer courses available

Seattle University offers free computer courses for students, faculty and staff members. The one-day classes, which typically last no longer than two hours, are taught on a variety of subjects including Internet use, introduction and advanced classes for specific computer programs and creating web pages.

For more information about the classes, call 296-5550.

Service provides free financial guidance

College students can receive free financial advice through the College Answer Service, a toll-free hotline dedicated to answering questions about financial aid. The service provides search tips for educational grants and work-study jobs as well as information about loans and assistance filling out financial aid applications.

The College Answer Service can be contacted by phone at 1-800-891-4599 weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by visiting the College Answer web site at <http://www.salliemae.com>.

Everett: special programs draw students elsewhere

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Bellevue and Seattle campuses, and for SU's weekend program.

However, this fact also contributed to the decrease in enrollment, because students could get the same courses closer to home through the other campuses and the weekend program, and preferred the shorter commute.

Also connected to the shutdown of the Everett campus are the specialized master's degree programs, which are offered for finance, economics and international business.

These programs are offered at the main campus and the Bellevue campus only, which drew more students away from the Everett campus, which only offers general required courses for the MBA, DeKay said.

DeKay added that the closure of the Everett campus is "in line with cuts and realignments the university is proceeding with right now."

"We want to put resources where we can serve students best," DeKay said. "Many resources weren't available due to Everett."

"It's an attempt to use resources wisely," he concluded.

These problems have not always plagued the Everett campus. When

Albers first opened the campus five years ago, in Winter Quarter of 1992, enrollment was "close to 80-100 students in four classes," DeKay said.

The campus was encouraged by both positive numbers from the Bellevue campus as well as the locations of many SU business graduate students.

"There were about 100 students who had Everett addresses," DeKay added.

"We knew there was a population to serve, and worth having a faculty member drive up there," he continued.

Over the past five years, however, enrollment has dropped from an average of 20 students per class to about 12.

In comparison, SU's other campus branch in Bellevue averages about 30 students per class, according to DeKay.

This quarter, there are a total of 58 students in five classes at the Everett campus, DeKay said.

In Fall Quarter, a class was canceled at Everett due to insufficient enrollment.

However, this has been the "most successful" go-around that SU has had with offering classes in Everett.

SU offered a series of business

courses in the Everett area 20 years ago, and then five years after that, DeKay said. This campus has been the first since then, and has fared the best despite its current problems.

After the Everett campus closes at the close of Spring Quarter, the students will be relocated to other campuses and the weekend program.

As for Diane Pettis, the Everett coordinator, "we've been trying to find a position for her on the main campus," DeKay commented.

"She's been there (in Everett) for five years, and has done a great job," he continued.

DeKay hopes to place Pettis in a coordinator position on the main campus, but she may have to work elsewhere on campus instead of at Albers, depending on the availability of positions.

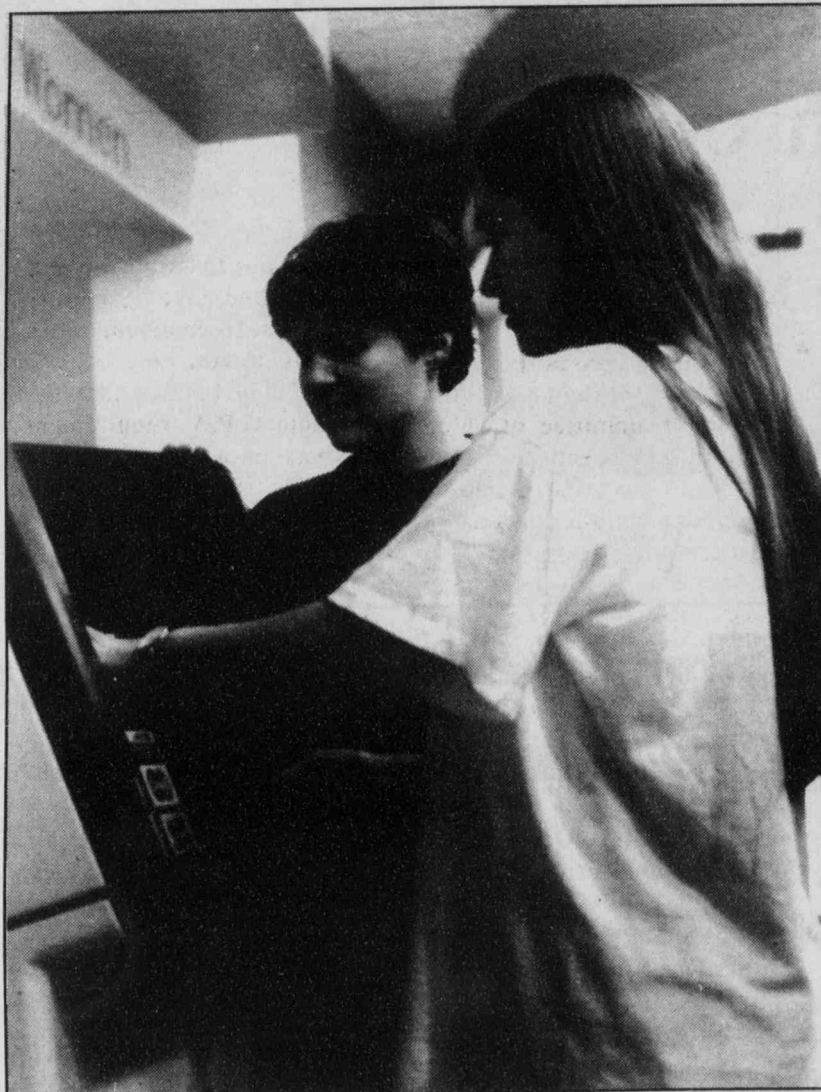
As for SU's Everett location, it could continue to reflect its own history.

It may be a number of years before any classes are offered there again, DeKay remarked.

"After maybe 5-10 years, we'll reassess the market. If there are a large number of folks to serve, then we would re-establish the program," DeKay said.

Fee added to campus ATMs

Campus machines deduct \$1.50 extra



SPECTATOR NEWS STAFF

Now, it's going to cost some Seattle University community members to get money from both of the two on-campus ATM machines.

U.S. Bank recently added a \$1.50 surcharge for non-customers to all of their 1,250 ATM machines. The machines located on the first floors of the Student Union and University Services buildings are among these.

Everytime a non-customer withdraws money from one of the machines they will be charged \$1.50 by U.S. Bank and whatever fee their bank charges to use another bank's machine.

The increase comes on the heels of a national trend to add non-customer fees to machines. Most recently, local banks Seafirst and Key Bank began charging fees.

The non-customer fees are used to pay for ATM operations, such as: space rent, maintenance and armored car service.

Non-customers can avoid the fee by going to their own bank, opening an account with U.S. Bank or by paying at the grocery store with their bank card and getting cash back.

MOLLY MCCARTHY / SPECTATOR

Students use the ATM located in the USB. The machine will now deduct an additional \$1.50 from any account that is not with US Bank.

Pacheco: leaving prompted by personal reasons

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tion was that the transfer representative ran unopposed. Because of this we asked for applicants and we chose Jeanette."

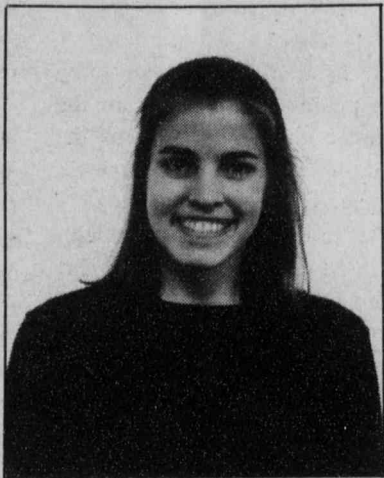
According to Mathern, because Ferrer has held the Transfer representative position before, the transition between Pacheco and Ferrer was very smooth, and she has settled into the position without any problems.

As with any ASSU representative position, the transfer representative must work five hours per week in the ASSU office, be a member of at least two committees, attend weekly council meetings and participate in ASSU retreats.

In addition, the transfer representative must maintain contact with at least five other transfer students, who form a representative's constituency board. The board is formed to discuss issues that are unique to transfer students.

Last year, Hill cited other time commitments as one of the reasons she resigned.

Maintaining representatives has been a recurring problem for ASSU. After last year's resignation, Toni Hartsfield,



SPECTATOR FILE PHOTO

Jenny Pacheco

former director of the Center for Event Planning and Student Activities, said that at least one representative had been recalled or resigned each of her four years as advisor.

"I wish it were uncommon because I don't like to lose students," Hartsfield said in an interview last year after both the transfer and graduate representatives resigned. "But I realize students' lives get complicated. One of the things that gives is student government."

There have been orientations for transfer students set up by the transfer representative to try and make the transition easier for students who transfer to SU.

Music runs in the family



RYAN NISHIO / PHOTO EDITOR

Rafael de Jesus "Fuchito" Aparicio of the musical group Los Hermanos, plays the harp at a cultural presentation Friday. The Venezuelan group, which translates to "The Brothers," is composed of Aparicio and his brothers Euclides Alfredo and Rafael Angel. The event was part of a cultural event series sponsored by the foreign language department.

ASSU reviews election codes

MEGHAN SWEET
Staff Reporter

ASSU president Troy Mathern is making good on one of his campaign promises.

Last year, Mathern promised to look into ways to improve and enhance ASSU's constitution and this year, he is doing just that.

ASSU is currently examining

several election codes. Recommendations for improvements are made directly to ASSU so that they can be voted on.

One of the committee codes being looked at right now is the Elections Committee, of which Mathern is the chair.

In years past, the Elections Committee has been disbanded during winter quarter, due to the fact that no elections take place during that time.

However, this year the committee has been extended through the quarter specifically so that the ASSU Constitution can be examined and recommendations for improvements can be made.

Mathern decided that if the committee was going to be carried over through the quarter, it would have to meet once a week. The Elections Committee currently meets each Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. in the ASSU office.

Mathern stated that he would appreciate more student attendance at the meetings, as

meetings are open to all students.

So far, the committee has gotten about halfway through the codes and have decided to make several recommendations for ASSU to vote on.

First, they believe that the minimum G.P.A. requirement for someone who wants to run for office should be lowered from 2.5 to 2.3.

"During the elections last year, the G.P.A. requirement ended up excluding a lot of people from the elections who I felt should not have been excluded," Mathern said.

Emphasizing that transfer students often come to the school with less than perfect G.P.A.'s, and also that international students have language barriers which often make classes difficult, Mathern said that he believes someone's G.P.A. is a personal and private issue.

The G.P.A. requirement is something that the committee wants changed as soon as possible, allowing it to become immediately effective at including more students in the

elections process.

Another improvement the committee sees as necessary is changing the dates when the elections are held.

Currently, the final representative elections are held with a week remaining in the quarter. The committee would like to see this process stepped up by about a week.

"It's a good idea to end the rep elections with two weeks left in the quarter so that we have more time, maybe a little bit more training, with the new council members," said Mathern.

There are some things that the committee has decided not to change, such as holding the elections on a Tuesday.

There are other things which haven't been looked at yet, simply because the Elections Committee has not yet looked through all of the codes in the ASSU Constitution.

One of these things is the campaigning process, although Mathern did say that he felt there definitely needed to be more advertising for elections.

It is important to note that the elections process is being examined because Mathern and ASSU have made a commitment to improving the council's constitution, and not because of last year's chaotic spring quarter elections.

Although last year's executive elections resulted in a complaint being made against elections procedures and with an eventual decision of the ASSU presidency being made by a special council, Mathern pointed out that the problems had less to do with the elections process and more to do with the failings of last year's Elections Committee.

"Last year, the Elections Committee was unmotivated... no one was really working hard," said Mathern. "It doesn't take much to have a successful election. This year's committee does work. We sit down and look at the issues."

The Elections Committee will continue meeting through fall quarter and will eventually examine all of the elections codes in the ASSU constitution.

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Hypnotist manipulates audience to laughter

'Elvis', 'E.T.' make cameo appearances at weekend event

NICOLE KIDDER
Staff Reporter

Making Elvis Presley, Pamela Anderson Lee and E.T. appear instantly in the same room may be a difficult feat for most people, but Dr. Mort Berkowitz can do it just by the sound of his voice.

Appearing in Campion Ballroom Friday night, Berkowitz transformed twelve students on stage and half a dozen students in the audience, into a subconscious hypnosis.

The event was free to students and was sponsored by the Residential Life Office.

Berkowitz, a longtime hypnotist, practices his trade on people all around the world, including thousands of college students, famous movie stars such as Sylvester Stallone and country singer Tanya Tucker.

Berkowitz has been studying psychology and practicing hypnosis for many years. He became interested when he saw a film of a patient having a major surgery with no anaesthesia. The patient was sitting up talking with the doctor and did not feel any pain.

"That's when I became interested in the way the mind can affect and control the body," Berkowitz said. "Everybody has their limits, but what are they? I try to find that out."

Berkowitz began the evening by having everyone in the audience fold their hands together and imagine a big blob of hard, sticky glue. The crowd was to imagine that this glue became stickier and stickier as the hands

were rubbed together between them. This quick technique to hypnotize people didn't work very well for the crowd as a whole, but a few people did fall for it. When told to try to release their hands, four people were unable to. Berkowitz had hypnotized them in a matter of minutes.

When brought up on the stage, Berkowitz told them that every time he stomped his foot, they would feel as if the person behind them was tickling them and they would get angry but could only let the person know by giving them dirty looks. Sending them back to their seats, Berkowitz pulled twelve new volunteers up to the stage.

Berkowitz began a longer hypnosis process, bringing his subjects and the audience deeper into hypnosis, to settle back and enjoy a night of laughter. Berkowitz "transformed" each of the volunteers into a moon people. Asking each to create a moon creature to have as a pet, the twelve

volunteers came up with some original ideas.

Sonya Adams created an imaginary creature out of fellow volunteer Jason Madrano. Bringing him up to the front of the stage, Adams petted him and described him as her "little puppy dog who drools all over the place." Robert Rivers created a pig that wouldn't quit running around in circles and that had "really stinky farts."

Next, Berkowitz convinced all of the volunteers that they no longer were able to understand nor talk in English. The only language they knew was moontalk. Surprisingly, many of the volunteers made

moontalk sound like it could be a real language.

Berkowitz told a joke in moontalk, which all of the volunteers understood it except one, Joel Punzal. As the volunteers erupted in laughter, Punzal sat there with a puzzled look on his face. After his neighbor had to retell the joke, in his own words of course, Punzal finally got "the punchline."

Berkowitz then decided to have some fun with the volunteers. He made E.T. appear on Chris Guaty's head whenever Berkowitz scratched his own nose and he made Adams believe she was Pamela Anderson Lee and had her stand up and blow kisses to the crowd every

time they applauded.

For the grand finale, Berkowitz made the volunteers believe that when he blew into the microphone, their seats would be on fire. Then he made Guaty believe he was Elvis Presley and Punzal and Madrano were the back-up singers and dancers. Running back up stage, Guaty broke into a rendition of Presley's hit "Blue Suede Shoes."

"We invited Dr. Berkowitz to come to campus to shake things up a little bit. Things get slow during the winter quarter and we needed to add some excitement to campus," said Ron Prestridge, Director of Residential Life.



MANDY MATZKE / SPECTATOR

Dr. Mort Berkowitz is taunted from behind by "seven-year-old" college students during a hypnosis session Friday night in Campion Ballroom. Berkowitz acted as a teacher and instructed the hypnotized students, who thought they were in second grade, to make faces at him whenever he turned his back.

Campus Cops

Compiled from SU Safety and Security reports.

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Syringe found

Jan. 21, 8:19 a.m.

Seattle University Safety and Security officers removed a used syringe found by a university gardener in campus greenery, located at 10th and East Cherry Court.

Turf damage

Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m.

University groundskeeper reported property damage caused by vehicles driving over grass at 10th and East Cherry Court.

Campion intruder

Jan. 21, 9:10 a.m.

Officers responded to a report of

a suspicious male in the Campion Hall lobby. The man, who was previously issued a trespass warning, was found ill in the men's restroom. Medics were notified and the man was transported to Harborview Medical Center by ambulance.

Burglary attempt

Jan. 21, 12:18 p.m.

A university employee discovered what appeared to be a burglary attempt at the G.E. Lynn building. Officers responded and found an internal door had been damaged. However, entry was not gained and nothing was taken.

Auto prowl

Jan. 22, 4-6 p.m.

As a SU student was inside the Connolly Center, someone forced their car's trunk lock open. The car was parked along 14th avenue. The person stole a book bag and approximately \$200 worth of text books.

Narcotics incident

Jan. 28, 9:40 p.m.

Officers were called to Bellarmine Hall about a possible narcotics incident, involving three SU students and two males not affiliated with the university. Both non-SU males were issued criminal trespass warnings by the Seattle police. One of the men was arrested on outstanding warrants for residential burglary, domestic violence and traffic violations.

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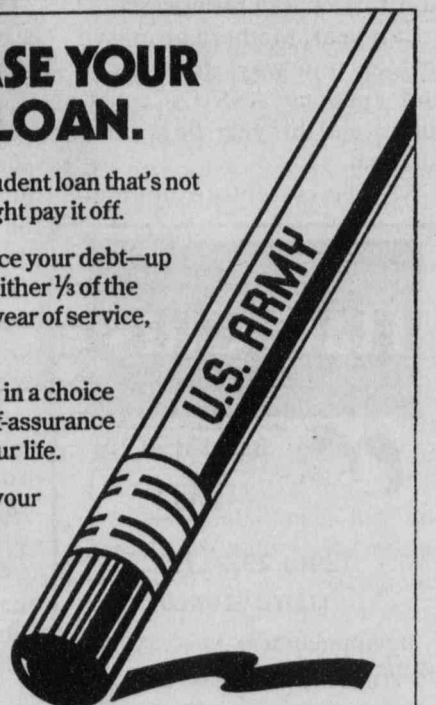
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ASSU aims to fix student ills

Financial aid paperwork, computer labs and closed class registration

SHANE UPDIKE
Staff Reporter

ASSU has just what the doctor ordered for common ailments of Seattle University students.

In a strategy aimed at making the process of going to school less painful, ASSU is attempting to ease students' burdens by prescribing customer service suggestions to the departments on campus that deal most directly with students.

Vice President of Student Activities

Hank Durand suggested to the ASSU Representative Council that there are unnecessary steps in many of the processes that students at SU have to go through in their daily lives. Durand mentioned enrolling in classes, paying education bills, getting financial aid or studying could all be simplified.

Durand asked the council to

generate suggestions that might help improve life for students on campus.

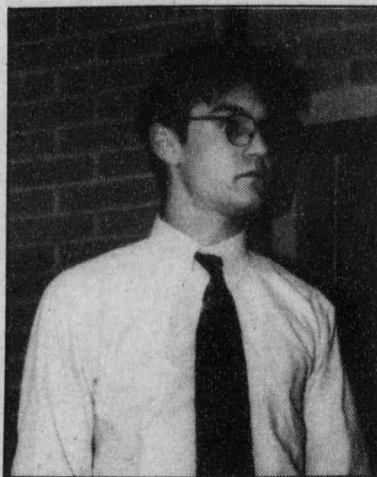
One of the topics that was discussed frequently was difficulty and confusion that students must deal with at the Controller's Office.

It was mentioned that many

times the people who work at the office are not helpful enough in explaining the sometimes difficult paperwork that students need to fill out in order to receive different types of financial aid.

Additionally, the staff at the Controller's Office often does not have specific instructions as to which line a student should stand in for specific services.

Other issues that raised during the meeting include the fact that many computers are not working while some computers which have been upgraded do not have sufficient instructions



SPECTATOR FILE PHOTO

ASSU President Troy Mathern

on how to use them.

Also, it was suggested that dealing with the Financial Aid office would be easier if every student knows who their financial aid advisor is.

The intricate processes involved in paying library fines, enrolling in closed classes and getting connected to the Ethernet on campus were also discussed.

The suggestions that the council members gave were taken by Durand and sent to the heads of the appropriate departments. It is hoped that the departments will take the suggestions into consideration and implement some of the suggested changes.

"These customer services suggestions are discussed by ASSU at various times during the year," said ASSU President Troy Mathern. "We have formed a committee called Keep Improving Student Services that will be talking about these issues and giving more suggestions. We hope that these will help out the students and make life easier for everybody at SU."

We hope that these students will help out the students and make life easier for everybody at SU.

TROY MATHERN,
ASSU PRESIDENT

Budget: Pell Grants to grow

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on a part-time work study job.

"On top of that, I get some SU grants and my parents have parent loans," she added.

Clinton's proposal will affect "just about everyone" said Jim White, director of financial aid and student employment.

Independent and dependent SU students alike could see substantial increases in Pell Grant awards, major cuts in student loan interest rates and more funding for work study positions.

Approximately 680 SU students received Pell Grants for the 1996-97 school year, said White.

Under Clinton's plan, Pell Grant funding will be increased from \$2,700 a year to \$3,000, starting in 1998.

Pell Grant eligibility would be expanded to the children of parents, making as much as \$45,000 annually. Families making \$20,000 a year would become eligible for a Pell Grant. And, in some cases, independent non-traditional students would also become eligible for the grants.

Another thing that will be affected is student loans.

If Clinton has his way, student loan interest rates will be cut by as much as half while a student is still in school.

This will affect more than 6 million American college students, including a great number of SU students who collectively borrowed some \$32 million for the 1996-97 school year.

Clinton estimates that approximately 4 million low and middle-income students' interest rates will be cut in half while they are in school. Fees for an additional 2.5 million more students will be cut by 25 percent.

"Currently, student loan fees are deducted from the loans proceeds received by the student," White said. "If the fees are reduced by 25 to 50 percent, as proposed by President Clinton, the student will receive more loan money to offset the cost of tuition, books or living expenses."

Clinton also wants to give parents a \$10,000 tuition tax break or a \$1,500 tax credit per child for the first two years of higher education.

"It will open the doors of college education wider than ever before," Clinton said at a press conference last week.

This could have a major impact on SU in terms of attracting students here.

"It's a fairly significant tax break," White said. "It could cause more people to consider independent colleges. It really

helps them get over the shock of the price."

Another area that Clinton has targeted is work study funding.

Basically, he wants to increase funding for work-study positions for students. Over a three year period, he hopes to bring the nation's work study work force to 1 million students, up 300,000 from today's 700,000.

Over 300 SU students are currently employed through the federal work study program, said White. The positions range from desk assistants to life guards.

Weber is a little unsure about increasing the number of work study jobs, since she knows of people that have the funding but do not use it.

"Why don't they award it to someone that needs it and will use it?" she asked.

For Clinton, the answer to that question partly falls in his goal to fund 100,000 work study students to work as tutors for young children.

Throughout his election campaign, he preached that he wanted to "build a bridge to the 21st century." One of the ways he proposed doing that was by making sure every eight-year-old could read and write through public service.

Some of these students could very well end up as attending classes at SU.

The Children's Literacy Project, a completely volunteer based program, is an elementary school tutoring that matches SU students with local elementary students.

The SU students meet with the elementary students a couple times a week to work on reading, writing and science skills.

Financial aid would be able to do something similar if funding becomes available. The difference would be that they are paying students to tutor.

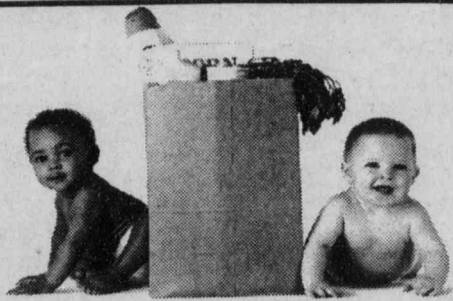
"We will be able to send many more students out into the Seattle community to tutor or work in community service projects, if the proposal is approved," White said.

For Weber, who wants to someday own a day care, the idea is very exciting. However, she wonders if Clinton's proposal is a pipe dream.

"It's a lot of money," she said. "And, I hear the Republicans are really opposed to it."

While Weber is somewhat cynical, acting President John Eshelman has his fingers crossed.

"... the college graduate is more likely to vote, more likely to volunteer, more likely to be involved in community affairs," he said. "This is investment in our quality of life."

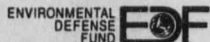


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Playing in the DIRT

JAMES FIGUEROA
Features Editor

If anyone out there is looking for some real adventure on wheels, the Seattle University cycling club is the place to go, offering the strain of Seattle's hills in the city ride and plenty of mud for those people who prefer mountain biking.

"Right now we're trying to get as many enthusiastic people as possible," said Dave Sarruf, who co-organized the club (which is new for this year).

The recruitment effort is part of the club's plans to join the Northwest Collegiate Cycling Conference. The NWCCC holds several races among schools in the area, culminating in a national college title. The races should begin at the end of March or early April.

Last Sunday, the cycling club went out to St. Edwards Park and Big Finn Park in the Kirkland area, both of which have circular and interlocking trails specifically designed for mountain biking – including bumpy tree roots, mud holes and a jumping area.

"[The National Off-Road Bicycle Association] is a citizens group that has worked to open up areas for biking," said Doug Gadow, the second club leader. "They opened up this [Big Finn] park. Just last week they came in and put down a lot of gravel to clean up one of the trails."

The cycling club usually meets every weekend, on Saturday for the road ride and on Sunday for mountain biking. Because times and route plans can vary, it is usually best to contact Gadow (325-5399) or Sarruf (454-8118) to let them know that you would like to attend a trip.



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Dave Sarruf leads the pack down a trail at St. Edwards Park.



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Dave Sarruf, Paul Hubbard and Doug Gadow rest on the trail as another biker passes in the background.



JAMES FIGUEROA / SPECTATOR

Mountain biking is not always fun and games. Some parts of the trails prove difficult to navigate even for those cyclists with a lot of experience.

SU expands its language horizons

ADRIANA JANOVICH
Staff Reporter

Students will have the opportunity to study in Germany through a new Seattle University program next spring.

The German-in-Germany study abroad program will be offered in Frankfurt, Germany, at the Europa-Universitaet during spring quarter 1998. The courses include German 135 and 215 and German 225 or one of several interdisciplinary courses in the areas of German sociology, philosophy, history, theology and political science.

The new program is under the direction of SU professors within the College of Arts and Sciences who have backgrounds in German and German studies. Professors from the different departments will rotate teaching in the program each year.

Since German-in-Germany is a Seattle University program, SU stu-

dents gain several advantages. They do not need to transfer credits from another university, and they may take arranged classes at the Europa-Universitaet to earn SU credits. Also, students are fully eligible for financial aid.

Dr. James Stark, Coordinator of International Studies, is on the committee and plans to teach in Frankfurt next spring.

"The center of Europe is shifting east," Stark said. "One of the biggest issues there now is how to deal with central European countries. This program will provide students with a venue to become quite knowledgeable of central Europe based on the German language."

"We can see history developing before our very eyes," he continued. "The people are making visible progress. I think it's interesting for students to talk to the people who experienced it."

Frankfurt, population 88,000, is located on the Oder River and was

formerly a part of East Germany. It is a 15 minute walk across the bridge to Poland. Berlin lies less than one hour away by train. Prague, Budapest, and Krakow are also accessible.

"I think it's a vital, thriving place," Stark said.

The Europa-Universitaet, founded in 1506, shut down during Communist rule. It re-opened in 1991 and has won German and Polish state prizes for its educational cooperation.

"There has been a lot of animosity between Germans and Poles for many years," Stark said. "The whole idea of the university is to somehow overcome that animosity with a hands-across-the-borders ideal. The theory is that if young people from different countries get to know each other, there is less likelihood for animosity."

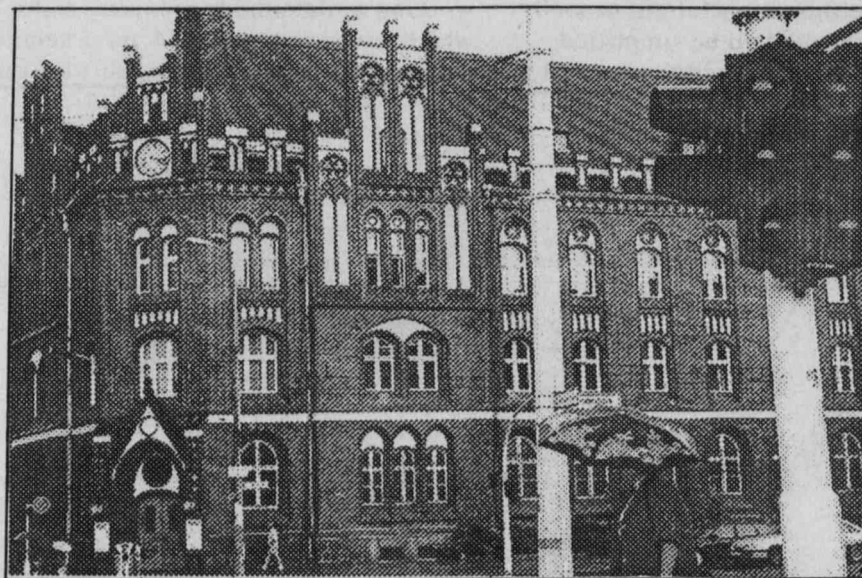


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A post office in Frankfurt, Germany shows a foreign land's similarities and differences.

In addition to SU tuition, students will pay approximately \$450 a month for housing. SU students will be paired up with German students and live in dormitories.

"We'd like to have students live with families, but now in the former East Germany most people have little, tiny apartments," Stark explained.

Two families made monetary donations toward the new program. Both families had children who went through SU's program in

Austria (the program ended after 14 years in 1988).

Stark plans to solicit students from other schools as well as from SU. "There are a lot of students who would like to do a program like this but their campuses don't offer it," he said.

The program needs a minimum of ten students. The application procedure will begin this spring and continue to the fall. "I am really excited about it," Stark said.

How many diseases can dance on the head of a needle?

The dangers of body piercing has brought a call for action and laws

JAMES FIGUEROA
Features Editor

On the fringe of a subculture, Seattle University takes its trends from the surrounding community. On campus, the influence of the Broadway fashion bazaar has quietly crept in. A nose ring here, an eyebrow piercing there – everybody's doing it.

Before anybody goes out to staple their forehead, however, Krysteen Lomonaco would like you to carefully consider what is being done to your body.

"The biggest danger is that hepatitis, HIV and other diseases are on the rise like they haven't been in the past," Lomonaco said. "People thinking about getting a piercing need to think about what is clean and sterile."

Lomonaco is a professionally trained piercer who closed her own piercing shop to collaborate on last October's opening of a local branch of The Gauntlet, a national chain that is one of the few places to specialize in training new piercers.



The reason there are few places to be trained is that training is not required by law. Body piercing (along with tattoos) is an unregulated industry, meaning that anyone could open a shop in a day without bothering with minor details such as safe equipment. (Lomonaco strongly stresses checking out what kind of experience a piercer has before having anything done.)

Because of this chaotic nature, many body piercers in Washington state have lobbied for industry regulation by the state government, which has so far been unresponsive.

"We've tried several different tactics to get them to do something," Lomonaco explained. "We've suggested charging us taxes to operate, we've tried scare tactics – they're just not interested. Nothing will happen until a senator's daughter dies because of an infected needle."

Last year a bill was introduced by Republican Sen. Pam Roach that called for "sanitation standards," inspections, and registration for all body

piercing businesses to be administered by the Department of Health. Although the Department of Health opposed the bill, the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care passed it and sent it on to the Ways & Means Committee. That committee allowed the bill to wallow in neglect and eventually die.

The effort is far from over, however. According to legislative assistants for Sen. Roach, there are plans to "possibly" reintroduce the bill this year, and information is being gathered for that purpose. Meanwhile, risks associated with body piercing are still high.

The most dangerous piece of equipment, according to Lomonaco, is the ear piercing gun that has become popular for the standard earlobe piercing.

"Ear piercing guns are the spawn of the devil. They're designed after a device that tags cows. They can't be sterilized, and they will easily get infected because the guns are dirty," she lamented.

There are other dangers of piercing besides bad equipment. If a person is daring enough to want a genital piercing, the unregulated state of the industry



RYAN NISHIO / PHOTO EDITOR
Krysteen Lomonaco stresses the importance of training so that piercers can understand possible dangers.

such a piercing.

"The tongue is the fastest healing part of the body," Lomonaco explained. "You can't get a scab on your tongue, and because of that a hole will shrink or heal in about half an hour."

The type of jewelry used in a piercing must also be taken into consideration. Cheap jewelry can cause an infection, and although the better quality rings and studs are currently the most expensive, they can save money in the long run by avoiding expensive medical care. Lomonaco recommends using implant grade surgical steel.

"The Last Battleground"

Despite these apparently discouraging signs, Lomonaco does not want to scare anybody off. As she repeatedly stressed, any piercer who is trained and prepared for all contingencies will not be any danger to the person getting pierced. What's more, she has found that there are plenty of good reasons why someone should get a piercing.

"My body is extremely important in two ways," Lomonaco said. "It allows me to be here, and it's also a last battleground. We fight to keep the right to our own body, and no one else can control that."

"It's about going one step beyond fear. Doing body modification is standing up to the plate and saying 'I'm going to do something I'm really afraid to do.'"

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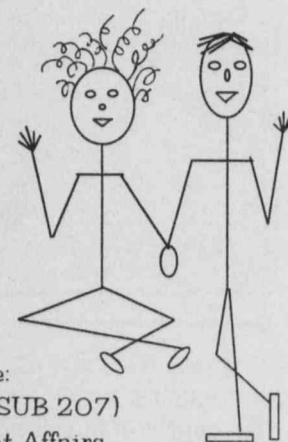
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- Allot plenty of time for your visit to Gauntlet. Your piercing session will be most enjoyable if you have the time to appreciate it.
- Travelers should plan ahead. It is not advisable to get pierced in the last minutes of your visit. Make your appointment ahead of time, and not too close to the time of your departure.
- Proper hygiene is important before and after getting pierced. Fresh clothing and a recent shower will get your piercing off to a great start.

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- Pain killers, aspirin, ibuprofen, and anesthetics are not required prior to being pierced. In fact, most usually compromise the experience and may possibly cause problems, such as increased bleeding.
- Customers that appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol may be asked to return later, when they are no longer under the influence.

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Pathways is sponsoring a non-competitive, university-wide art show for Thursday, February 27th. Any Seattle University artists who are willing to have their art, whether it be visual art, paintings, sculptures, music or poetry, are invited to participate. If you are interested in submitting some of your artwork or performing at Art Fest '97 pick up a form from Pathway, fill it out and return it before February 17. For more information, call the Pathways office at 296-2497.

The Group Theatre debuts award-winning play

The Group's new artistic director Jose Carrasquillo makes his northwest debut with Chay Yew's "A Language of Their Own." This exquisite and provocative play explores how two people can have different levels of communicating that are unique to their relationship. The story revolves around the complex dynamics between a pair of gay Asian-American lovers who separate. Ken Chin, Scott Koh, Michael Shannon and Ivan Dihn comprise this talented cast. For more information, please call The Group at 441-1299.

Learn how to earn your "Purple Hearts"

The Northwest Actors Studio in conjunction with the Members Project Code is proud to present this gripping drama by B. Burgess Clark. Based on a true story about three men trapped in the U.S.S. West Virginia—one of the ships sunk at Pearl Harbor, this intense piece follows their touching struggle to accept the inevitability of their impending deaths. For more information and showtimes, call the studio at 324-6328.

New Rep Director Sharon Ott debut's with "Ballad of Yachiyo"

Philip Kan Gotanda's powerfully, passionate story of youthful desire come to life under the direction of Sharon Ott at the Seattle Repertory Theatre. Amazing imagery surround this magical tragedy in which young Yachiyo must learn the ways of her ancestors and the ways of womanhood. "Ballad of Yachiyo" runs through March 1. For more information, and to learn about the Rep's "Pub Night" which features local microbrews and live music, call the box office at 443-222.

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Bruce Beasley: a poet with spirit

SUSAN MEYERS
Staff Reporter

Sometimes creation is violent. Sometimes we want to touch each other's pain, the way St. Thomas wanted to touch the wounds of Christ so he could believe in life after death.

Poet Bruce Beasley is all too aware of these spiritual phenomena.

As part of the Creative Writing program's Reading Series, this gifted writer spoke to a crowded audience in Wyckoff auditorium last Friday.

Having grown up in an alcoholic family, he knows how violent love can be and how much people want to share themselves with each other, even if all they have to share is pain.

Beasley, a professor at WWU and editor of *The Bellingham Review*, shared these and other experiences with an auditorium jammed with students.

He told the story of a drive he took with his father to see the cliff where his father then attempted suicide:

"...my father's
voice was rough with
such regret—
for having tried, or having failed.
I couldn't tell—

I only knew his scarred
arm on the steering wheel
scared me, and his sweet

whiskey breath, and the
broken guardrail...."

He also read sections from his retelling of "Hansel and Gretel," which relates more of his childhood feelings.

In this poem, Beasley explores the ways in which we are attracted to pain.

"Why," he asks, "would a child go back to parents who

are trying to kill him? Why would he eat the burning ginger of the broken house?"

This three-time award-winning poet also has an affinity for fairy tales.

"The story you're most intrigued by," he said, "is the key to your personality."

He often finds it helpful, he told students, to "retell the story from the inside out."

But don't get the wrong impression.

Although his work may be dark, Bruce Beasley is a lively, generous individual.

His Southern drawl added an almost humorous dimension to the reading, and after the poems, he offered a wide array of advice to students interested in pursuing creative writing.

When asked why he chooses poetry for his genre, he answered, "I like the emotional intensity that poems offer. I like the sounds," Beasley said. "Poetry is the most musical form of writing."

"Poetry was a way to let out emotions in the very raw way that my family wouldn't let me," Beasley added. "These are family secrets; these are things you're not supposed to talk about."

But Beasley is talking about them; he's talking about what most consumes him.

"Follow your obsession," he advised, "and it will become inexhaustible. For me, obsession and inspiration are the same thing."

Undoubtedly, Beasley will continue to tell the stories, mythical or autobiographical, which most affect him.

He is a poet with a strong voice, good humor, and generous spirit.

"looking for some sign of singleness,
someway to belong, for a moment,
to the fugitive
ripeness of whatever is."

He is someone who will, for the rest of his life, keep looking.

"Slingblade" redefines heartache

DONALD MABBOTT
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Next to the word "heart-ache" Mr. Webster has listed only three simple words: sorrow, distress, grief.

This is all about to change.

"Sling Blade," a new film from Miramax Films, takes it's audience to emotional places that defy definition.

Written and directed by Billy Bob Thornton, "Sling Blade" also offers a unique challenge for Thornton the actor in the story's leading character, Karl.

Karl is a mildly retarded man that has spent the better part of his life in an asylum for the criminally insane just outside the fictional town of Millsburg, Arkansas.

Upon his release, the grisly events leading up to his incarceration unfold as well as the history of Karl's abusive childhood.

With little money or '90s coping skills, Karl is aided by the asylum administrator who gets him a job and a place to stay at a local fix-it shop.

Enter Frank Wheatley (Lucas Black). Wheatley is little boy who has just lost his father. He and his mom Linda (Natalie Canerday) allow Karl to stay with them in their garage instead of behind the greasy ol' fix-it shop.

Karl and young Frank, accept each other, learn from each other and fill gaps in their lives left vacant or scarred by the tragedies of modern existence.

Their existence, however, is held in contempt by Linda's beer guzzlin', abusive boyfriend Doyle. Doyle is expertly portrayed by country singing legend Dwight Yoakam.

Yoakam has had smaller roles in the past but, truly rises to his castmates caliber as the films repulsive antagonist.

Some of that caliber is in the form of film vet J.T. Walsh, who plays a sexual deviant who feels compelled to tell Karl all about his revolting exploits.

John Ritter, once of TV's popular sitcom "Three's Company," has what people in the entertainment industry call "perfect timing." He uses this timing, along with years of acting experience, to play Vaughn, Millsburg's resident persecuted homosexual.

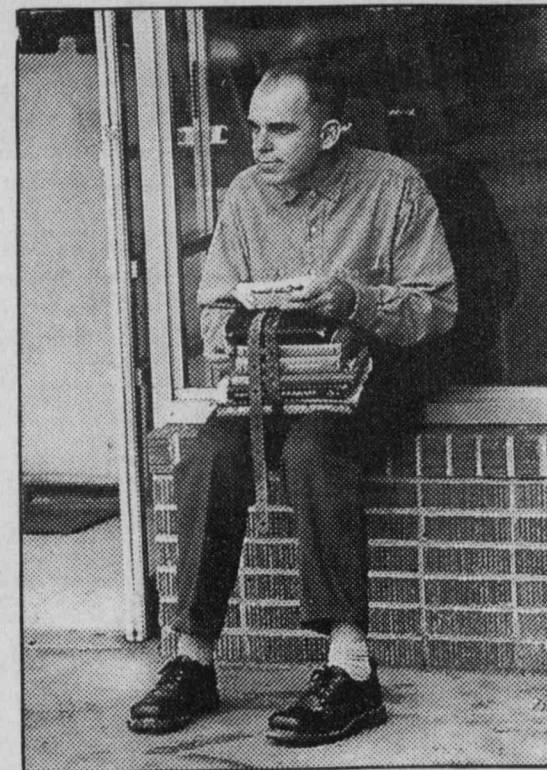


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Billy Bob Thornton as Karl in "Slingblade."

The cast interacts with such believability and courage that it isn't long before the audience is swept up in this dynamic story.

While it may seem cruel, some of Karl's antics and trials are uproariously funny and audiences howls.

It's almost as if the filmmaker intentionally used this comedic backdrop to highlight the extreme lows Karl incurs during his re-acclimation.

Be warned. This would not be a good "first date" movie for those easily embarrassed by the sound of their own sobs.

Karl maintains a dignity more and above his station toward a climax that raises questions about what it means to be human.

See "Sling Blade" but bring a beach towel to dry your eyes.

The "Battle" rages on

DONALD MABBOTT
Arts and
Entertainment
Editor

The 1997 Seattle University Battle of the Bands defied all odds last Saturday night by successfully combining rock -n- roll, beer and college students.

While SU students and an expert panel of judges focused on the great variety of music during the four hour show, staff, security and faculty were keeping an eye on a revamped beer garden and overall student behavior.

As far as "alcohol included" events at SU are concerned, it has been student government involvement that has had the most positive impact.

Last year, due to problems at both the Battle of the Bands and at

Quadstock, the privilege of consuming beer during campus activities was nearly squashed.

The 1996 "Battle" was plagued with under-age drinking, non-residents "floor hopping" through Campion Tower and overall poor planning.

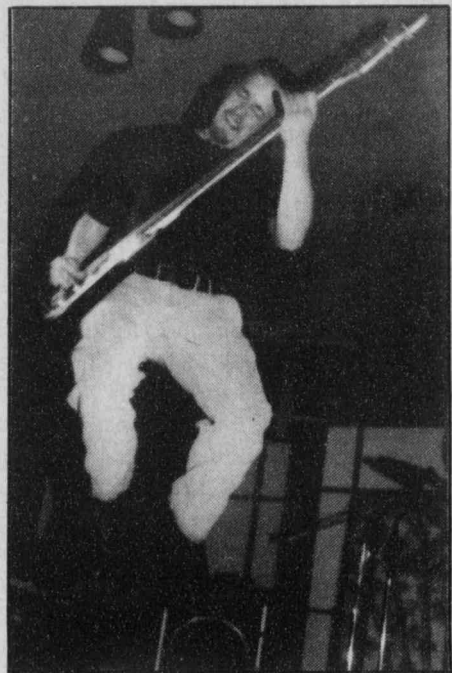
The show went on until midnight keeping non-participants awake.

"I could feel it all the way up on the 12th floor," said Campion Ballroom Monitor Steve Davis. "It was so loud you could feel it thumping through the whole building."

Design was also a factor that led to a problematic event for security.

The beer garden was secured on three sides. However, one of the sides was a single row of tables which was no match for clever and thirsty freshman.

"We had some people with fake ID's, people drinking at pre-parties and some people were just drinking too fast," Cory Drazkowski of campus security said before the show. "We're going to have five guards



RYAN NISHIO / PHOTO EDITOR

Going airborne for the judges.

this year and more student involvement."

With everything and everyone in place the show took wing.

Master of ceremonies Floyd Light got the capacity audience warmed up with some funny (if not slightly dated) comedy material moving directly to the first group in the "electric" category, "Ty Cobb."

Next up was some excellent guitar work



RYAN NISHIO / PHOTO EDITOR

Michael Numrich and Maj-Britt Llewellyn (background) from "Acetelyne" rock out at this year's "Battle of the Bands."

from the first performer in the "acoustic" category, "Ben Jammin."

There were other impressive acoustic performances from "Solo" and 2nd place winners "Virtuous Pagans."

However, even the 1st place winner of the Acoustic category (for the second year in a row) Susan Palmer, did not get the crowd response of runners-up "The Cunning Linguists."

The audience joined in on a rousing rendition of "Every Rose Has its Thorn" by '80s glam-rock band, Poison, and then the duet was joined by the evening's bartend staff and faux security guards on a version of "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler.

These two guys should have won on sheer guts alone.

Speaking of guts, it takes a heap of them just to get up on stage in front of your peers and rock out.

Unfortunately, there were a few competitors who used severe amounts of alcohol in order to find those guts and it really showed a lack of professionalism, let alone class.

Another classless act was when the lead singer/guitarist for "Latchkey Kid," the final group of the night, apologized for a previous band's performance. It's hard to imagine how that kid got his guitar strap over that big head of his.

Top honors in the electric category went to the dynamic, "Pretty Fish Charmer" with a very close 2nd going the very funky trio, "Siesta Nights." The runner-up honors in the electric category went to "Flood."

Judges reached their

arduous decisions based on four criteria; 1) Artistic Talent, 2) Stage Performance, 3) Cohesion and 4) Crowd Response.

While there was a lot of this and more at this year's Battle of the Bands, it seems safe to say that the war of the beer gardens has been won at last.

Your student government has championed the validity of such events as learning envi-

ronments and the success of Saturday

night's show is largely due to the efforts of ASSU Activities Vice President, Sarah Mariani.

Mariani and her staff beefed up security, met with Residence Hall Directors and arranged for vans to assist commuter students getting to and from the show.

This, combined with a more comfortable yet secure beer garden also contributed for a smooth evening.

"Basically everything went really well," Mariani said. "Everybody I've talked to was really impressed with how smooth it was. I think the set-up was a big thing. Moving the

time (earlier, to 6:30) helped a lot too."

Bellarmine Hall Director, Rob Denton told Mariani it was the best "Battle" in four years and the least number of reported incidents as well.

Only one minor, an unidentified female SU student was caught with a fake ID. And according to security that was their biggest incident of the night.

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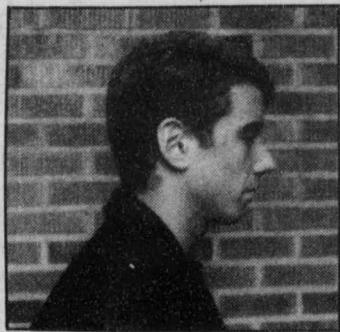
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Noble experiment can benefit students

In December, the Oakland, California Board of Education announced a plan to assist African-American school children by using Ebonics as a means of raising the rather dismal academic results that have become commonplace in Oakland and other cities. Immediately the plan was met with skepticism and contempt from its detractors, who declared it extreme and unnecessary. This reaction seems ridiculous given the scope of what the Board is trying to accomplish.

It is trying to raise scores and standards within its district, while at the same time improving the likelihood of success for many inner-city children, whose only options in life seem to be either crime or poverty. The primary point to the Ebonics debate, however, is that in the Oakland schools very little is going to change; the Board saw fit to re-adapt a teaching style according to a change in priorities. This type of change falls under the same scope as phasing out slide rules for mathematics, and more recently phasing in computer science courses for a wider range of areas.

Ebonics is a noble experiment which has the potential to do tremendous amounts of good for a large number of students. Far too many students of all backgrounds and all social classes fall behind in their education and are never afforded an opportunity to recover. This is too apparent in inner-city schools such as those in Oakland, where lack of funding often contributes to students' early educational demise. The Oakland Board of Education has obviously suggested a way to improve scholastic output, so why not try it? The plan calls for retraining teachers to teach Ebonics while at the same time bringing African-American students to where they can compete on the same academic level as other students of other backgrounds. The program is loosely modeled after the English as a Second Language (ESL) programs which have successfully helped many people integrate more easily into American education and life. Although figures vary, the number of African-American students who end up in remedial classes (in Oakland) is appalling. According to one CBS report, African-American



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can students make up 51 percent of the population in Oakland's schools, yet fill 70 percent of the seats in remedial classes there. This type of imbalance has to be changed or else an entire generation stands to be lost.

The Oakland Board can set an example for many other school districts around the country by moving forward with the plan to incorporate Ebonics. While it may seem unjust that these students are being targeted as if they were learning disabled, the facts nonetheless seem obvious that a change is necessary, and with the types of change that have been outlined the risks are very minimal. The use of Ebonics is therefore merited and undeniable, and not to push ahead with it would be denying affected students the education they are entitled to.

John Ward is a freshman majoring in political science.

Teaching Ebonics sets up students for failure

An Oakland school board district recently proposed recognizing "Ebonics," a combination of the words "ebony" and "phonics," as a separate language that would put it in the class of foreign languages like Spanish and Japanese. Thus Ebonics would become eligible for Federal funding under the bilingual education laws. Most linguistic scholars have concluded that Ebonics is an inner city slang form of English, used by black children.

What the Oakland School Board has proposed is outrageous. To recognize a slang form of English as a separate language will do more harm than good. In the long run, Ebonics actually hurts black people and it will spur other variants of English to seek the same recognition as a separate language as Ebonics is seeking right now.

I agree with most linguistic scholars in concluding that Ebonics is inner city slang. It is a form of English. In a recent issue of "The Economist," the article mentioned that Ronald Reagan in 1981 declared black English as a form of English and not a separate language. There is no doubt that many black children (but not all) have more trouble than others in learning standard English, as evident in the amount of blacks who are in remedial English classes. Proponents of Ebonics advocate that it will help black children better learn standard



JAY BALASBAS
Spectator Columnist

English. However, to dignify ghetto slang does not help them learn standard English better. By teaching in ghetto slang, teachers will not be doing their job in helping students learn correct English. Rather, later in life, these students will have trouble where proper English is required, such as college essays. One cannot go to a job interview and speak Ebonics. Professors will not accept papers written in Ebonics. In short, black students who are taught in Ebonics will not attain a better grasp of English, which will hurt them in the long run.

Another thing to remember is that the Oakland School Board is trying to gain federal funding to teach Ebonics. We have enough problems as it is in teaching standard English to all students. Why complicate things further by spending limited education resources on something that will not work anyway? This is counterproductive in

the long run and will hurt the very people it is trying to help.

Besides the harm that recognizing Ebonics will bring on black children, it will also spur other variants of English to do the same thing Ebonics is doing. One example "The Economist" points out is "federish," terms used in Washington, D.C., like cloture, rescission, and other terms that only congressmen and followers of politics would understand. Imagine something like *that* getting federal funds. By recognizing Ebonics as a separate language, the door opens for abuse of federal funding for programs designed for other purposes.

I am glad to hear that Congress has already said no to funding for Ebonics. Even the Clinton administration has stated that the Oakland School Board is mistaken if it thinks it will receive federal funding (a real surprise coming from this President). Ebonics is something that will not work and it is a waste of time and money to think that it will work. To get by in this country, you need to learn standard English. For most citizens born in this country, English is their first language. It should not be as hard for them to learn standard English as it would be for someone who is an immigrant and English is their second language.

Jay Balasbas is a freshman majoring in political science.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Marijuana may be popular, but it's not worth the risk

Thanks, Jay Balasbas, for your "lecture" on marijuana use. I, too, have friends who use marijuana and have not lived up to their potential, but your comments about the drug destroying brain cells have yet to be proven.

Research gives us one study of rats, who with chronic exposure to THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) have had nerve cell damage and whose hippocampus has undergone pathological changes. Other animal studies have focused on the hippocampus, the major component of the brain's limbic systems, which is crucial for learning, memory, and the integration of sensory experiences with emotions and motivation. Those studies found that THC suppresses the neuronal activity of the hippocampus.

Further, scientists at the University of California, Los Angeles, have found that the daily use of one to three marijuana joints appears to produce approximately the same lung damage and potential cancer risk as smoking five times as many cigarettes.

In addition, recent findings show that marijuana

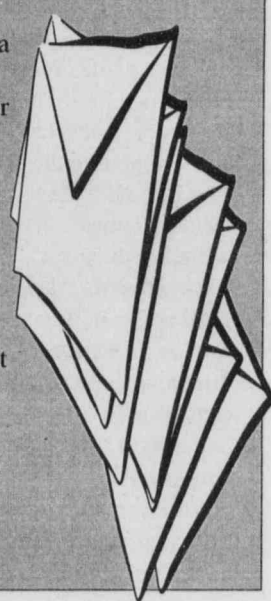
produces negative cardiovascular effects. The heart rate of the subjects in the study increased 29 beats per minute with marijuana. One of the concerns treatment specialists watch for with individuals going through withdrawal from marijuana is the level of stress that places on their hearts.

Research shows that damage is done to brain cells, that our lungs and hearts are negatively affected, that our emotional growth is stunted, our relationships impaired, and our productivity decreased with marijuana use.

Marijuana is the most commonly used illicit drug in the U.S. It has been tried by many, set aside by most, and used continually by others. Statistics find that 60.9 million Americans (31.1 percent) have used marijuana at least once in their lifetimes, and 28.6 million (14.8 percent) have used it within the past year. It's popular, but is it worth the risk?

Information taken from the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) Marijuana Update, available on Netscape at: <http://www.health.org/>.

Joseph McGowan, SJ
Wellness and Prevention



Killer: Where is justice when a person's crime becomes his identity?

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permeated all of his words. He was very aware of what he did and the hurt he caused. What an overwhelming weight to carry every day. Jeff added that he was close to his in-laws before the murder, but did not know if they wanted him dead. He said that if his death would ease their pain, wouldn't that be the least he could do?

I was left without words.

The facilitator announced that it was time to leave. I clumsily put

away my chair and fled from Jeff without saying good-bye. I pretended that nothing had happened, after being completely unable to respond to his confession.

I was confronted with a reality which I did not and do not fully understand. It is always so much easier to deal with crime when you can reduce a criminal down to nothing more than an animal. But Jeff is very human, very ordinary. Should I despise him for his act or show him compassion? Can I even do the latter? These are questions I asked

myself while I was waiting to leave the room and return to the van.

As I was walking away, he smiled at me from across the room.

I felt like a failure.

I am still not sure what to make of the whole situation. Yes, Jeff is a murderer and yes, he has caused more pain than he can ever pay for. Yet, despite societal pressure to simply label him "killer" and disregard him, there is a side to him that I simply can't force myself to despise. He is not an animal. I do not think that keeping him in prison is

"reforming" him and making him a better student. I also think that he should pay for his crime. I can think of no alternative punishment. I also know that the punishment he continuously inflicts upon himself is more painful than living in a five-by-nine cell for 25 years.

I cannot rejoice in his imprisonment nor can I fight for his freedom. I cry out for justice and find only silence. Is justice something we tell ourselves exists in order to sleep better at night, or is it an ideal that can be achieved? In the com-

plexity of every case, we can't apply the law and account for the particularity. However, we can't constitute compassion. What we can do, as a society, is be compassionate when we serve on jury duty and demand the same from judges. This does not translate into lighter sentences or fewer convictions, but means that we recognize the humanity of the criminal.

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SPORTS



MATT ZEMEK - Sports Editor

Bowled Over

College football is a sporting treasure in America. It offers more color, regional flavor and emotion than the pro game does. Professional rivalries are about wins and losses; college rivalries are about bragging rights and history. The Apple Cup is a statewide event that captures the passions of Washingtonians in a way that the Seahawk-Raider rivalry never could.

You'd think that college football, with its youthful participants, age-old traditions and storied rivalries, would be immune to the things that have tarnished pro sports: money, politics and (blunt as it may sound) stupidity. However, the selection of teams for last December's bowl games showed that college football's postseason is determined by a corporate mentality that looks solely at the bottom line. That's not what college athletics is supposed to be about.

In many bowl games today, teams are picked on the basis of how much revenue they can generate for that bowl game, its organizers and its host city. In 1996, good matchups were sacrificed and teams got shafted at the expense of...well...expenses. Here are the examples:

In the Copper Bowl, an 8-3 Utah team was picked over a 10-2 Wyoming team to represent the Western Athletic Conference for the annual game, played in Tucson, Ariz. Why did this travesty occur? Utah has consistently brought a lot more fans to bowl games than Wyoming has over the years. That's what the bowl's selection committee wanted to know.

The Gator Bowl, which is supposed to select the second best team from the Big East Conference, took a 7-4 West Virginia team over an 8-3 Miami team that had beaten West Virginia and tied for the conference title (West Virginia was fourth). West Virginia's fans are well known for their support of their teams. In the 1994 Sugar Bowl, the Mountaineers faced mighty Florida in a mismatch. However, their fans snapped up the school's allotment of 35,000 tickets in a matter of hours, and that fact was not ignored by the Gator Bowl committee.

Last but not least, the hometown Washington Huskies were cruelly shafted in this year's bowl season. Follow the bouncing buck.

The Huskies should have played Colorado, as they did in the Holiday Bowl. But the matchup should have taken place in the Cotton Bowl, which pays more to the schools, is on New Year's Day and is on national network TV - three huge pluses for a football program. But the Cotton Bowl selected BYU and Kansas State for the game, even though BYU lost to Washington and KSU lost to Colorado during the regular season. How could this happen?

In the previous season, Colorado went to the Cotton Bowl and did not bring many fans. Thus, the Cotton Bowl committee simply brushed off the Buffaloes and opted for Kansas State, their Big 12 Conference rival.

Meanwhile, BYU was denied a shot at the Fiesta Bowl, a top-level bowl game played in Tempe, Ariz. As a result, the next best game on the ladder for BYU was - you guessed it - the Cotton.

The painful irony of this is that BYU didn't go to the Fiesta Bowl because of economic considerations. Penn State, the team that was invited over BYU, had a longstanding relationship with the bowl as a five-time participant over two decades. Since the early 1970's, PSU's fans have embraced the climate, resorts and shopping malls in the Valley of the Sun during central Pennsylvania winters. The presence of monied and loyal Nittany Lion fans gave Penn State the leverage it needed to get the Fiesta Bowl bid.

On a Phoenix talk show, a disgruntled BYU fan gave ten reasons why his team was kept out of the Fiesta Bowl. His best reason was this: Mormons don't break the Ten Commandments, but they don't break \$20 bills, either.

When realities like that dominate college athletics, it's no wonder that sport has lost much of its purity and innocence.

Manning the ship

Swim coach Craig Mallery looks at SU's first ever meet and the future of a young program

JASON
LICHTENBERGER
Staff Reporter

With a gleaming grin on his face, Seattle University swimming coach Craig Mallery said, "Swimmers make surprisingly big splashes."

And that is exactly what the SU swimming team did.

The Chieftain swimming team competed in SU's first ever swim meet, Saturday at The Evergreen State College, and came away with a moral and team victory.

The women's team crushed the host school 135-33 placing them

23, for it is SU's only other meet of the year.

On the women's team, Jamie Baertschiger also has a chance at qualifying for nationals. Her time in the 100 meter backstroke was one second off the qualifying mark.

"I'm very optimistic," Mallery said of the upcoming conference meet. "These times are very commendable to the hard work the athletes have put in this year. A lot of them have not competed in a couple of years."

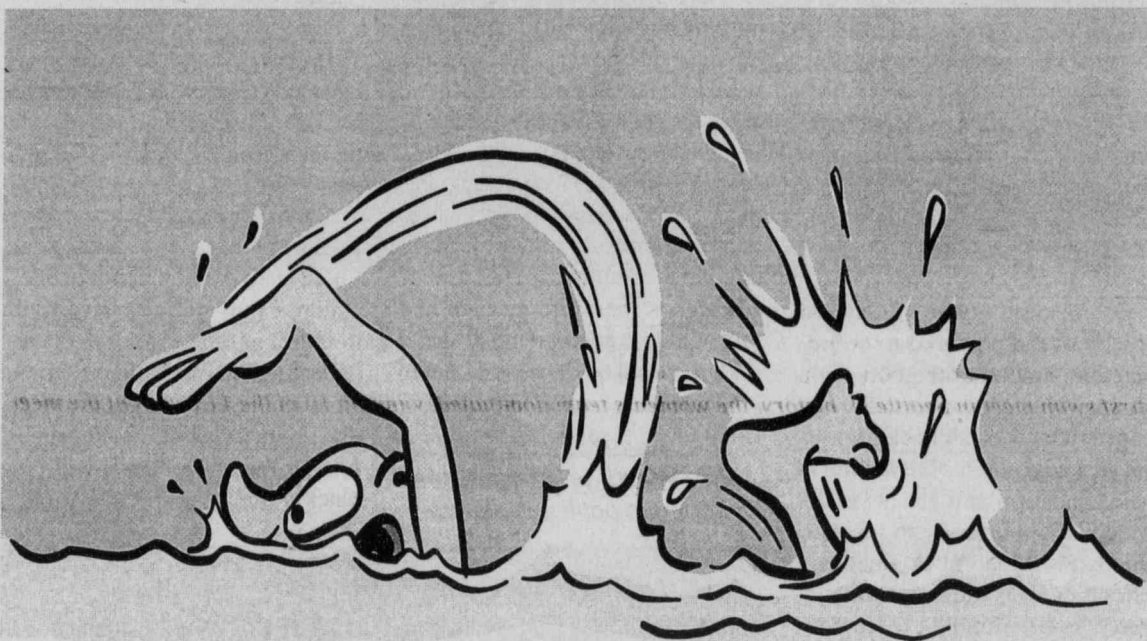
"I think we surprised a lot of people at the meet with a win," he added. "Being a first year squad and drawing exclusively from SU

on each team.

He will have his work cut out for him though. Most of the members of the women's team will be returning next year. On the other side, though, an undermanned men's team will lose one-third of its team to graduation. It will take a lot of work for Mallery to fill these gaps.

Mallery said, "The numbers will get there. The word is getting around that SU has a swim team."

He added, "There is a great recruiting class out of the Pacific Northwest, as well as a lot of interest from California and Florida. Seattle draws interest from this age



second, behind Linfield College. The men's team fared quite well with only five swimmers in competition. In order to make it through a physically grueling meet, a school normally carries 18 members on each team.

"Based on how revved up the team was, I expected them to compete very well," Mallery said. "However, I did not expect these kind of results. Evergreen's team has been around for a while."

In their victory, the women won an amazing 10 of the 11 events.

Individually both teams shined as well. Junior Tim Teodora was just tenths of a second off the national qualifying time in both the 50 and 100 meter men's freestyles.

Mallery expects improvements in those times, as Teodora was unrested.

"Tim has the ability to make those qualifying times in our next meet," he predicted.

In order to qualify for nationals, Teodora must bring those times down by the upcoming conference meet the weekend of February 21-

students, I think no one expected us to come with a team that could be competitive."

Mallery credits success with the hard work and great attitude of every member on the squad.

"Training has its merit, but it's competition that most athletes get really jazzed about," Mallery said. "They have performed well and kept positive attitudes despite just two meets this year."

That says a lot for the seniors on this team, who have endured so long, yet only get to compete in two meets, as the swimming team

group, and SU is becoming well-known nationally."

Mallery brings a lot of experience to the swimming program. He started off his swimming career when he was five in the Sacramento, Calif. area. He competed there all through high school, and attended Boston University on a swimming scholarship.

He completed all four years at Boston U. and served two years as an assistant coach on the team after graduating. He is the school record holder in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle events.

He has now been working at SU for seven years, the last four with the athletic department. This is his first year as a head swimming coach.

With all this recruiting to worry about, Mallery is still trying to stay focused on the upcoming conference meet. With his leadership and experience, and the continued tremendous

effort from his athletes, he hopes to turn a few more heads, and send a couple of his athletes to nationals.

Not bad for the team's first year in existence.

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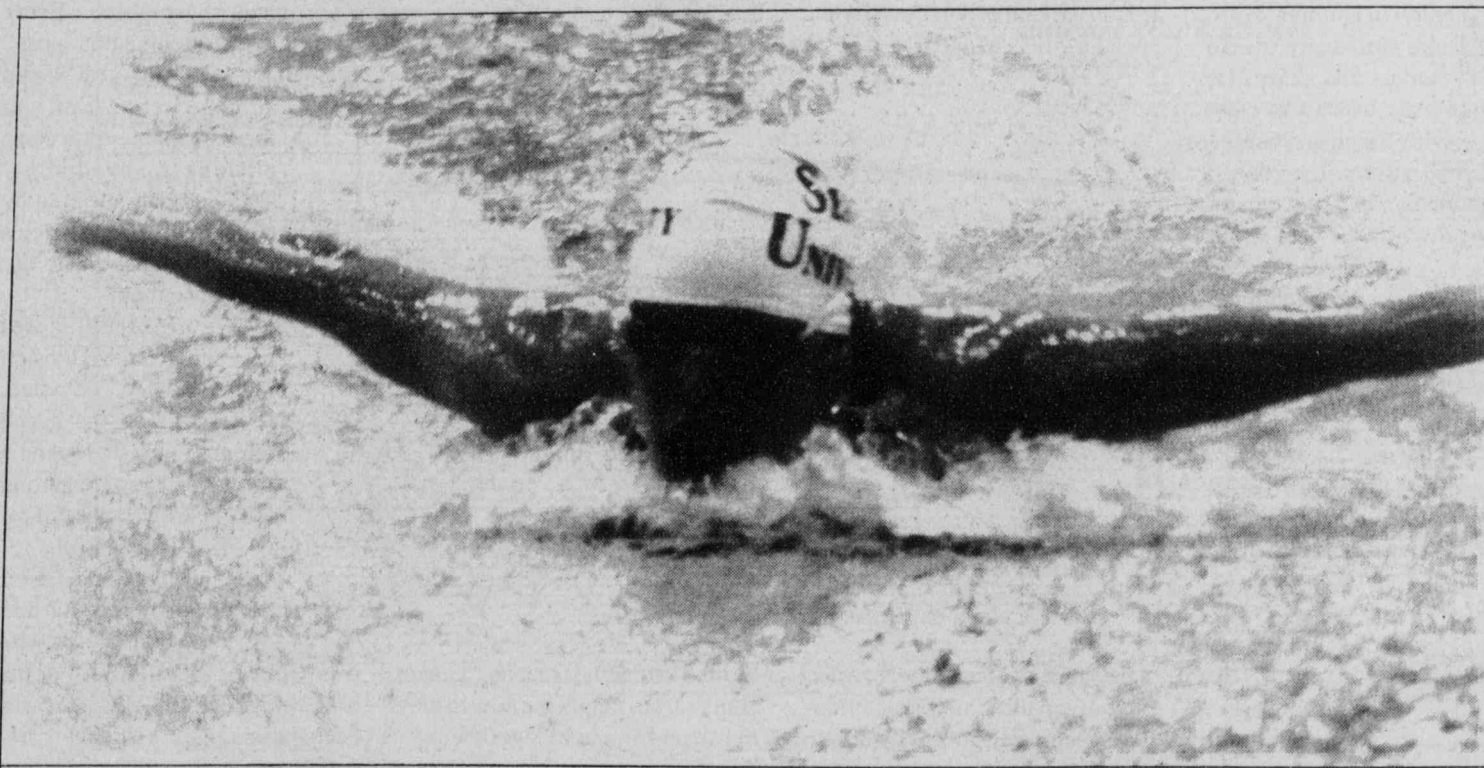
CRAIG MALLERY, SU SWIM COACH

is only recognized as a club sport.

Next season the swimming team will compete in 10 meets, so Coach Mallery hopes to get those numbers up to the ideal 36 members, 18

DIVING INTO UNCHARTED WATERS

SU swim team makes history with first ever meet



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Tienney Milnur of the SU women's swim team competes in the 100 meter butterfly on Saturday at The Evergreen State College. In the first swim meet in Seattle U. history, the women's team dominated, winning 10 of the 11 events at the meet, held in Olympia, Wash.



SU women: Everything but the finish

Lady Chieftains defend, rebound well, only to lose

MATT ZEMEK
Sports Editor

On Saturday night, the Seattle University women's basketball team hustled and scrapped against Simon Fraser, only to lose, 61-47.

It was one of those nights when coaches and players can only shrug their shoulders and move on. Against the Clansmen (22-3, 5-0 PNWAC), who were riding an 11-game winning streak, SU figured to be in trouble at the defensive end of the floor. They had to deal with Eva Aiken, a 6'3" center who racked up 41 points, 16 boards and 7 blocks in her previous two games.

However, the Lady Chieftains (9-11, 2-3 PNWAC) more than held their own against Aiken and SFU's tall front line. SU outrebounded the Clansmen 38-33, and they contained Aiken with quick defensive reactions around the basket.

When Simon Fraser tried to get the ball inside to Aiken, Julie Orth and the rest of SU's defense col-

lapsed on her and pushed her underneath the basket. This prevented Aiken from getting good looks at the basket. Instead, she had to give up the ball.

SFU's interior offense never got into a groove, but the resourceful Clansmen were able to beat the

ON DECK

Next for the Lady Chieftains

Tonight vs.
Western Washington
Connolly Center, 7:00 p.m.

The Lady Chieftains will not have another home game until their regular season finale on March 1, when they face Lewis and Clark State.

Lady Chieftains from the perimeter. Meanwhile, SU was not able to knock down open three-point shots at the other end of the floor.

The disparity in three-point shooting made the difference in



RYAN NISHIO / PHOTO EDITOR

Julie Orth tries to beat a doubleteam with a pass. When the SU offense did, they couldn't hit open threes.

the game. Ironically, a game decided by three-point shooting figured to be to SU's advantage. The effort, intensity and execution were there; the shots just didn't drop.

A few patterns emerged behind the game's general trends. After Aiken had to pass the ball outside, SFU got their three-point shots by spreading out SU's defense.

In their halfcourt sets, SFU used skip passes and extended passes from the corners to the top of the three-point arc. This maneuver forced SU's defenders to cover more territory. Left open for threes, SFU's perimeter shooters didn't

miss.

The other major pattern came at the other end of the floor, where the Lady Chieftains were unable to break down the Clansmen's defense and get the ball inside. SFU's size made its presence felt at the defensive end, clogging up the middle and forcing SU to hit perimeter shots.

For much of the game, SU's perimeter shooters had a free shooting hand, giving them good looks at the basket; they simply didn't knock them down, and their window of opportunity vanished.

SU had two players score in

double figures. Orth had 12 points, while Erin Brandenburg added 10.

SU point guard Shannon Welch felt that there were openings in the SFU defense, but that they could have been exploited with ballhandling creativity.

"We didn't pump fake (to get open shots)," Welch said.

SU head coach Dave Cox was pleased with the team's defensive effort and particularly on the boards. The Lady Chieftains just didn't hit the open shot.

"Whenever we followed plays through, we did a good job," Cox said.

Northern and Southern Exposure

Tayon Paysinger, SU's point guard, has developed his game in Alaska and North Carolina with college and pro hoops stars

ERIK BERNINGER
Staff Reporter

When Trajan Langdon gets drafted to the NBA, Tayon Paysinger will be there to congratulate his best friend.

Paysinger, Seattle University's point guard, grew up playing basketball with Langdon in Anchorage, Alaska, at East High School.

"Trajan and I would practice until one, two o'clock in the morning on Friday and Saturday nights," he said.

"We both have a passion for the game."

Their work ethic contributed to the success of the East High School's

basketball program. Paysinger is the only Alaskan high school basketball player to be on four state champion teams. In his four years at East, the team lost only 11 times

nationally, and twice statewide.

"When I went to East High, we were expected to win," Paysinger said. East High School has won nine boys basketball state titles.

The past two falls, Paysinger has visited Langdon in Durham, N.C., home of Duke University, where Langdon studies and plays. He makes the visits to stay in close contact with his friend and basketball sparring partner. Langdon, a two sport athlete, has become one of the top prospects for NBA scouts

because of his dominant play at Duke, a college basketball powerhouse. He has also signed a minor league baseball contract with the San Diego Padres.

While at Duke, Paysinger practiced with Duke alumni, such as NBA star Grant Hill.

"Going to play at Duke with Trajan and the other athletes has definitely elevated my game. I get to experience high-caliber compe-

tition," he explained.

Paysinger characterizes his own game as "raw and aggressive."

"I like to drive on my opponent and hear the crowd," he commented. "Standard pass-the-ball-around basketball bores me. I want to make things happen."

(3.8 per game) as the Chieftains won the league title.

"Last season was very emotional. When we started out 1-11, I was in tears," he said. "Coming back against the odds to win the league title filled me with relief."

Paysinger can also play tenacious halfcourt defense, as shown

definitely going to do in the future."

He feels that basketball is his great escape from everything in life. "I'll always play," Paysinger said. "I love basketball because it's a game of tangibles. Every situation is different in this sport."

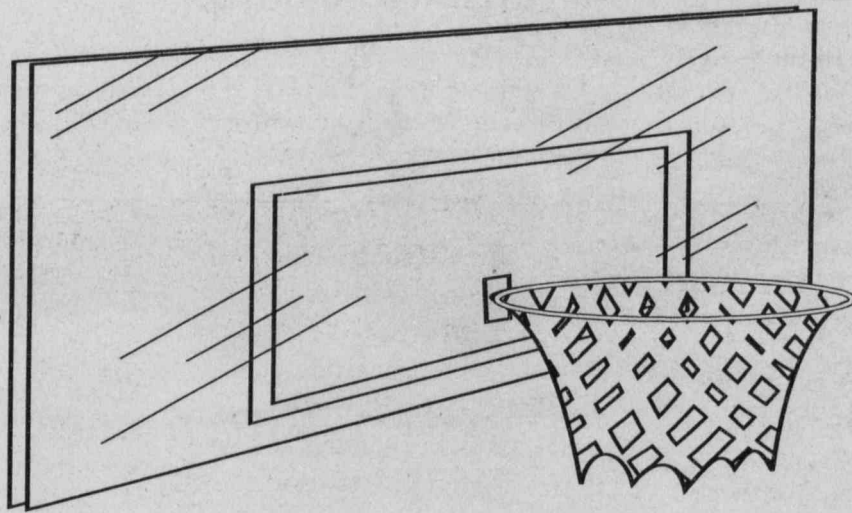
He characterizes this year's team as an "effective team unit that is capable of accomplishing many things." The team has suffered by losing scholarship athletes and not having the ability to replace them.

"We are in the gray area between (NCAA) Division III and NAIA," he noted. "The guys on the bench are getting in the game a lot more. They are getting the experience needed for us to stay successful."

When his career is over, he hopes to be remembered as "a top point guard who

won while he was at SU." For the time being though, Paysinger will keep passing the ball to his SU teammates while watching his best friend attempt to reach stardom in the NBA or MLB.

"Trajan will make it, I just know it."



Paysinger has become the "distributor" in the Chieftains' offensive scheme. He not only wants to pass, but he also feels that his shooting has improved this year.

"My average points per game is up, and I've maintained my assists," Paysinger said.

He led SU in assists last season

by his 31 steals last season. "Coach Hairston has taught me how to play tight man-to-man college defense," he said.

Paysinger is majoring in Business so that he can one day be a marketing executive. When asked if he will ever coach basketball, he replied, "That is something I'm

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TAYON PAYSINGER

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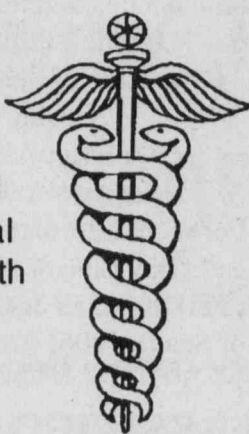
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Thank you to all who attended Battle of the Bands. Over 450 people attended. Pretty Fish Charmer took first place in the electric category, which lands them a slot to play at Quadstock. Siesta Tonight took second place and Flood took third place.

In the Acoustic category, Susan Palmer took first place and a slot at Quadstock, Virtuous Pagans took second place. The Cunning Linguists took third place.

Thanks to the judges of

Battle of the Bands, who include: Kara Storey, Joe Rodriguez, Isaac Miller, Steve Ford, Mark Rhonemus, Molly McCarthy, Romie Ponce, Josh Tolles, Brittany Retzlaff and Jason Madrano.

Laurie Prince, Director of New Student Programs, will be acting as the ASSU advisor. Any concerns regarding ASSU Council and Staff, such as signatures, arbitrary complaints, and other things that Laurie is going to have learn about, should be directed her way.

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Irreconcilable Differences?

As groups like the Christian Coalition increasingly target homosexuals, it would seem that sexual preference and religion are heading for a major split. But Seattle's Catholic Archdiocese and the SU campus are taking measures to reach across the chasm, keeping the Church strong despite apparent divisions.

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While visiting Seattle University last fall, Deb Smucker's eyes searched for more than a suitable graduate program—they also sought out signs of a gay friendly campus.

Her first sign came when James Harbaugh taught the class Smucker was evaluating wearing a pink triangle in recognition of gay and lesbian history month. The next came as she entered the Student Union Building and found the "Queen City Comes Out" exhibit prominently displayed, again for gay and lesbian history month.

"I thought it was great. I came specifically for the program I'm in—and found all of that," Smucker said. "That's why I was really thrilled."

As a lesbian and prospective student of a Catholic campus, Smucker was curious about the attitude toward gay and lesbians. Having done her undergraduate work at another religiously affiliated school—Goshen College, a Mennonite school in Indiana—Smucker had experienced a campus that strongly opposed homosexual lifestyles.

Now a graduate student in the student development program, Smucker is involved with the Triangle Club, SU's gay and lesbian student organization, having been "pleasantly surprised" that there was such a club on campus.

After being at SU for nearly a year, Smucker has high marks for SU as a lesbian, noting that the Cultural Pluralism diversity workshops have had several programs on gay and lesbian issues already this year.

"Where I've been, in my program and where I work, I've felt fine. It's been great," Smucker said. "I'm as open as I'll ever be."

Yet another graduate student, Melody Griggs, views the situation on campus slightly differently after coming to SU from Bellevue Community Col-

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△ The Catholic Church's stance on homosexuality and how this translates in practice for Jesuits on campus.

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lege.

"It's not that people are anti-gay here, but they're not pro-gay either," Griggs said. "They're tolerant, but not gay friendly."

Griggs came to campus initially concerned regarding the religious requirements of SU's core curriculum and the influence Catholic theology would have in her treatment as a lesbian.

"I saw they had religious requirements, which made me wonder what the attitudes would be," Griggs said. "It didn't turn out that bad."

Yet both Griggs and Smucker notice the stark differences between the university and SU's campus neighborhood, Capitol Hill.

"Obviously SU is more conservative than the surrounding neighborhood, but it's very interesting to see the differences," Smucker said.

The Communication Department Chair Gary Atkins is confronted with those dramatic differences daily as he travels from his home on Capitol Hill to campus.

"It's always very noticeable to me when I move from the neighborhood to campus," said Atkins, who teaches the interdisciplinary class "Gays, Media and Politics."

Atkins, a member of the Gay and Lesbian Employees association (GALE), has witnessed the intertwining of Catholic ideals and gay and lesbian lifestyles since his arrival at SU 18 years ago.

Noting that First Hill was

once nicknamed "Pill Hill" for its large number of hospitals, Capitol Hill, now a recognized gay district, was at one time referred to as "Catholic Hill" for its numerous Catholic churches and schools.

The Capitol Hill neighborhood, which Atkins calls home, is uniquely linked to, and interdependent with, the gay community which now dominates the area.

"There is a tension about getting along with the Church, but there's also a sense of community," Atkins said. "Sometimes it seems they are totally separate and then you see them interact."

Some of the interactions Atkins has observed include the

gay and lesbian AIDS service organization Chicken Soup Brigade, which has strong Catholic ties. In addition, former state senator Cal Anderson—the first openly gay state senator—who represented Capitol Hill and the University District, was mourned in St. James Cathedral after dying of AIDS in 1995.

Anderson's successor, Ed Murray, who has become Washington's second openly gay senator, was educated at Seattle's St. Thomas Roman Catholic Seminary.

Like Smucker and Griggs, being gay did not stop Atkins, an alumnus of Loyola University, from attending or teaching at a Jesuit university. As Smucker did, Atkins found a pair of open arms in former SU president Father William Sullivan, SJ, after first arriving at SU.

During his first month on campus, Atkins attended a rally against an initiative which would have repealed another Seattle initiative protecting people from discrimination based on sexual orientation. Atkins recalled seeing Father Sullivan speaking at the Volunteer Park rally for keeping the non-discrimination law.

"I remember seeing Father Sullivan on stage and thinking, 'it can't be too bad a place to be,'" Atkins said.

Atkins "Gays, Media and Politics" course focuses on images formed by the mass media and how these images influence societies' stereotypes about homosexuality.

The class examines movies as an important medium of transmitting stereotypes as well as discusses constitutional developments relating to gays and lesbians, such as those in the military and same-gender marriages.

According to Atkins, the class, which was implemented in 1994, draws largely heterosexual students "seeking to understand" and in the process teach Atkins as well.

"A lot of people see things that I have missed," Atkins said. "A lot of times we're not always talking about orientation, but about gender."

It is not the gender issue, but one of prejudice that Dr. George Moutsiaakis addresses in his psychology classes. Moutsiaakis requires students to wear a pink triangle pin for several weeks,

in commemoration of gays and lesbians who died in the Holocaust, to reveal prejudice.

According to Moutsiaakis, students wearing the triangle do not receive much external reaction, but do learn about their own internal biases.

"Often students find they are resistant to do the exercise and hide the pin at the beginning and are afraid of what people think it means," Moutsiaakis said.

Although Moutsiaakis has en-

countered students who object to the assignment for religious reasons, he said that SU's urban setting increases students' familiarity with such issues as homosexuality.

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fact:

About 10 percent of the population is homosexual.

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Catholics face varying beliefs as social climate warms to gay issues

Although many Christian faiths are increasingly distancing themselves from gay and lesbian issues, the Catholic Church takes a different stance.

The Catholic Church's official teachings on homosexuality essentially create a division between homosexuals and homosexual behavior. The Church does not condemn gays and lesbians for their sexual preference, but does condemn homosexual activities, according to Gary Chamberlain, professor of Christian Ethics.

Yet even the official teachings of the Catholic Church and its interpretations vary, according to Chamberlain.

"The official position would ask gay and lesbian people to remain celibate, but there are even several theologians that would dispute that," Chamberlain said.

fact:

Eight states have laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

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Assistant Coordinator of Wellness and Prevention, Father Joseph McGowan, SJ. Somewhere in what Father McGowan called this "mixed bag" of beliefs are his own, partially influenced by his role on campus. "What I see on Catholic teaching on sexuality is very diverse," Fr. McGowan said. "I have been placed here to support every human being—to support them and not to judge—and to learn from them."

According to Fr. McGowan, although leaders of the Catholic Church issue certain Church beliefs—including that homosexual behavior is condemned but homosexual people are not—individual beliefs vary and therefore cannot be accurately reflected in generalized statements.

Fr. McGowan, having discussed their sexual orientation with several gay and lesbian students, serves, among other faculty, staff and Jesuits on

campus, as an informal listener for these students.

"People have approached me individually," Fr. McGowan said. "I'm very, very interested in learning from people who they are."

Jim Harbaugh agrees that Catholics' views on homosexuality differ, yet said the Catholic Church has taken a strong stance against discrimination. Fr. Harbaugh cited Oregon's 1992 anti-gay proposition—Measure 9—which the Catholic Church publicly opposed as an example of the Church's anti-discrimination policies.

"It was clearly discriminatory in their view," Harbaugh said. "We're all children of God, and to exclude people in a discriminatory way is to go against the teachings of Jesus since he reached out to those on

the fringes," Harbaugh said.

According to Harbaugh, the Seattle Archdiocese has done just that by supporting programs for gay and lesbian Catholics.

Although the Archdiocese does not directly participate in gay programs, St. Joseph's Parish does provide the space for a weekly mass for gays, lesbians and their friends and families.

The mass is put on by DIGNITY/Seattle, a local branch of the national group for gay and lesbian Catholics, according to DIGNITY/Seattle president Jim Weston. Weston said the mass draws about 70-100 people each week to St. Joseph's Cathedral.

"We have a right as baptized Christians, and particularly as Catholics, to

fact:

47 percent of gays have experienced discrimination related to their sexuality.

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thing but support from the Jesuit community," said Sharpe of the period during the gay and lesbian student organization's registration.

Sharpe, as a member of the Jesuit Association of Student Personnel Administrators, helped author a working paper on the registration of controversial student organizations on Jesuit campuses. Since being written in 1991, the paper has been a tool for both Jesuit and Catholic schools by offering suggestions, proposed courses of action and questions to be answered before registering a club.

Yet virtually everyone, from the members and advisors of the Triangle Club and GALE to Jesuits and those who witnessed the gradual emergence of gay and lesbian issues on campus, concede that there is room for improvement in SU's environment for gays and lesbians.

Father McGowan, who was at SU when both the gay and lesbian staff and student organizations were formed several years ago, is not blind to the problems and homophobia that surround gays and lesbians on campus.

"I've always praised the courage that people who have named themselves on posters and flyers and billboards around campus. I very much admire them," said Father McGowan of the Triangle Club members who name themselves as contacts on flyers. McGowan said he has been aware that some of these signs have been torn down in the past.

Citing the recent rejection of an inquiry into possibly adding domestic partners to university benefit lists that may now only include spouses and children, Krycka noted that more changes are still needed at SU.

"Institutions, by-in-large, are resistant to protect gay and lesbians at this point in history, and I don't think this institution is any different," said Krycka, who describes campus as lacking pro-active measures on gay and lesbian issues. "I personally have never encountered any overt form of phobia; however, I do feel silence around these issues seems to be the rule rather than activity."

Krycka noted that SU is "pointed in the right direction" in the process of change as sexual orientation has been added to SU's list of anti-discrimination practices in hiring.

"It's not bad (here) for gays and lesbians, but it's not supportive either. I think it should and will change," Krycka said. "It's a beginning, and it's a far cry from where many other institutions are."

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ings of the Catholic Church also differ in practice, according to

practice our faith in a church setting," Weston said. "Many of us really believe that the Church is the people, not the rules or the hierarchy or the buildings."

The local church's tolerance for gay and lesbian issues also seems to have influenced campus views on the topic.

"I think, frankly, it was a brave stand for Fr. Sullivan as president to register the club," Harbaugh said. "But I think it's very much in line with the views of the Seattle Archdiocese."

By in large, those closely associated with the Triangle Club and its activities agree that the Jesuits on campus have provided a supportive, although not formally organized, network for gay and lesbian students.

"The Jesuits as a group have been very supportive," Chamberlain said. "They view the club as a gathering of a support group."

Judy Sharpe, residential life director, agrees that the Jesuits have helped, rather than hindered, the acceptance of gay and lesbian students.

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Gay associations mainstream on changing Catholic campus

Though SU's student gay and lesbian organization has been fully integrated into the club arena now, it was not until the early 1990s that SU gained a formally recognized gay and lesbian student or staff organization.

SU's Gay and Lesbian Association, now called the Triangle Club, was the product of Catherine Brown, now an SU alumnus. In order to establish GALA as a club, Brown researched the Catholic teachings on homosexuality, Jesuit tradition and SU's mission statement, then wrote a statement of purpose and practice, according to Kevin Krycka, professor of psychology and co-moderator of the Triangle Club.

"Where we anticipated the problem was in the theological aspect, not the mission statement," said Krycka of the club's proposed registration.

To address the theological issue, Brown crafted the club's purpose around a member's sexual orientation, rather than sexual behavior, which is deemed morally wrong by the Catholic Church, according to Gary Chamberlain, professor of Christian ethics and co-moderator of the Triangle Club.

"The Church does not condemn humans as homosexuals, just their behavior. She [Brown] found a little window in Catholic beliefs that said the Church supported homosexuals as human beings," Chamberlain said.

The purpose of the club, according to Chamberlain, was shaped around this principle of providing support for gays and lesbians as people, not to support their sexual behavior. The club's statement of purpose also includes sponsoring educational programs and promoting community service.

In the fall of 1991, the proposal was put under review by the Student Organization Registration Review Committee and in March 1992 the club was approved by Jeremy Stringer, then vice president for student development.

"I think people kind of an-

icipated a backlash, but there was hardly any," Chamberlain said. "Father Sullivan was very supportive. It [the club] got a lot of support from faculty, staff, administrators."

Some backlash from students, parents and alumni came in the form of letters printed in the Spectator.

"...I must have been misled somehow into believing that Seattle University upheld the ideas and values of Catholicism. I can't believe that this same university has recently approved a club for gays and lesbians," wrote one student. "...I, personally, do not recall homosexuality as being part of Jesuit tradition...How can you support a homosexual club without supporting gay and lesbian activity? You can't."

Initially, the Gay and Lesbian Association operated under a degree of secrecy—not revealing its meeting locations on flyers for fear of disruptions from those who

opposed the club's registration. Instead, the club's activities were spread through word of mouth and a club phone tree, according to Krycka.

However, since

then, the club has begun adding more information to their informative flyers, seemingly without any negative repercussions.

"We haven't had any problems with protesters. We've happily been publishing the dates and times of events," said Deb Smucker, who serves as the vice president of the Triangle Club.

Before the club was registered, it reached an understanding with the Student Organization Registration Review Committee (SORRC) about the nature of the club, and its activities. This Summary Understanding restricted the club's social activities to ones with a goal to promote "the growth of our students as persons."

The understanding also reinforced SU's commitment to

maintain the confidentiality of its members and the club's meetings.

According to the agreement, the university will not "tolerate attitudes, behaviors or actions that are not consistent with the Jesuit principle of 'Cura Personalis,' affirming the respect and dignity of each individual. 'Sexual orientation' will be included in the University's statement on non-discrimination."

Yet as spring and the club's fifth anniversary approaches, much has changed since the club was first registered. Club meetings are now posted more openly and the latest understanding is that the club "is like any other club," according to Krycka. Shortly after the club's official recognition in 1992, the university's Gay and Lesbian Employees (GALE) organization was established.

Unlike the student organiza-

tion, the faculty and staff association, which was founded by two former SU employees, was established without any special provisions or controversy. The organization is now unofficially led by Krycka.

"He [Father Sullivan] said

okay without, from my understanding, any hesitation," said Krycka of GALE's establishment. The staff association, whose member base has been broad-

ended to include anyone who supports gay and lesbian issues, addresses topics which impact gays and lesbians on campus, according to Krycka.

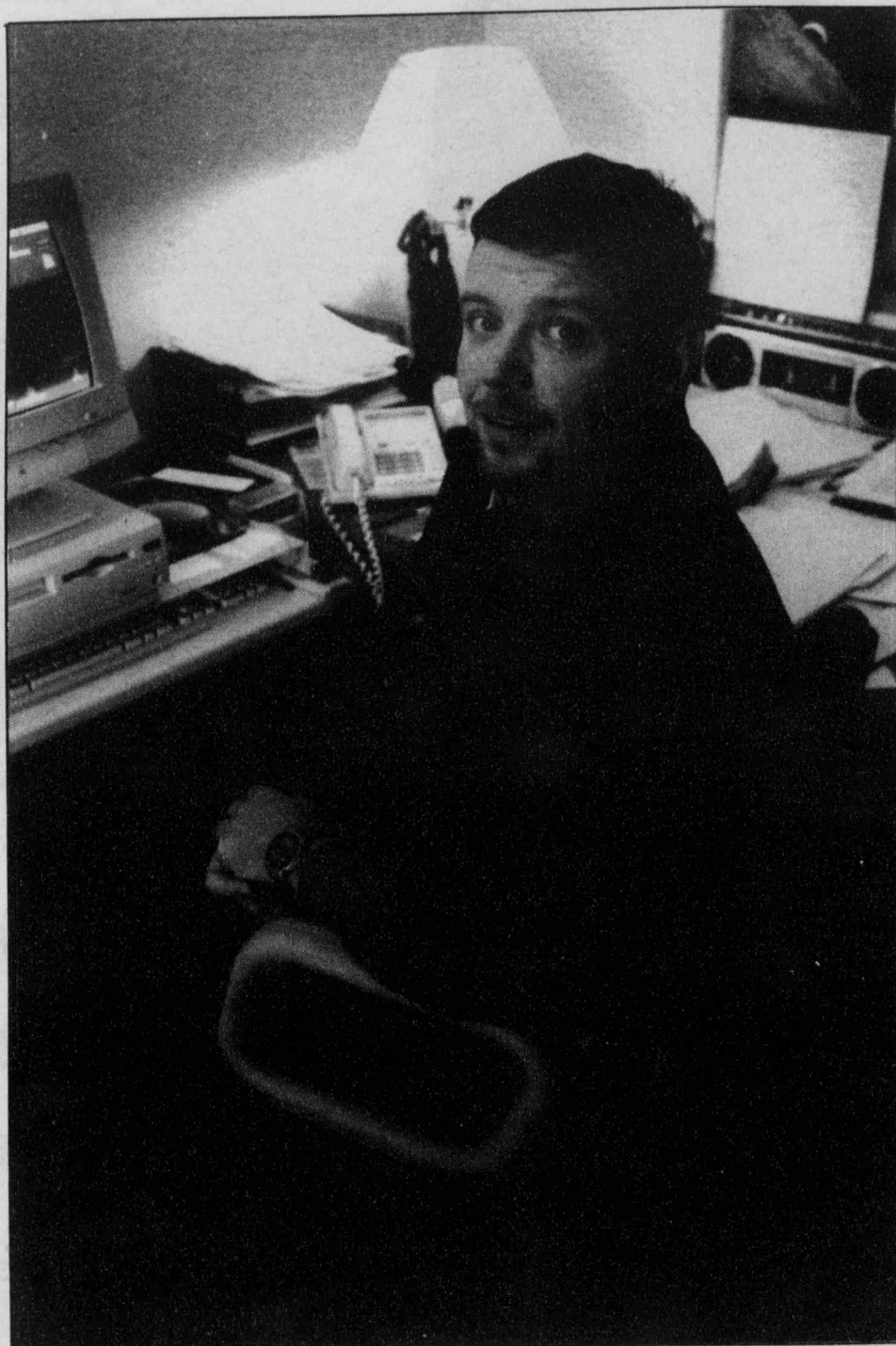
Last October, GALE, in conjunction with the Northwest Lesbian and Gay History Museum Project, sponsored the Queen City Comes Out exhibit, which was displayed both in the SUB and library. The exhibit chronicled the history of Seattle's gay community.

GALE's most recent project involved supporting a proposal by the Seattle University Staff Association and the Faculty Senate to extend insurance benefits to domestic partners, both of homosexual and heterosexual employees.

The proposal was given to the Fringe Benefits Committee, which asked the Cabinet for permission to investigate the issue, according to assistant director of Human Resources and FBC chair Rosemarie Labonite.

Although the Cabinet denied the committee's request, Labonite is optimistic that as other organizations, such as the City of Seattle, extend benefits to domestic partners, that SU may follow suit because the political and social climate would be more accepting of such a proposal.

"We're also hopeful as the climate changes, people will become open to it," said Labonite, who recognized the issue as controversial since no other Jesuit school has implemented such a policy.



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Psychology professor Kevin Krycka is a member of Seattle University's Gay and Lesbian Employee organization. His most recent project with the association has been to support a proposal that would give domestic partners of SU employees the same benefits as spouses.

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